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Applicant: H. Nakamura et al. Filed: October 22, 1999

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Title:

A TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING SWITCH (as amended)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO 1449 (R&P) submitted herewith. A copy of each of the listed references is also enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following references are not in the English language:

1) JP 60-111149

As we understand, this reference was first cited by the Japanese Patent Office in an Office Action of August 5, 2003. An English translation of the Japanese Office Action and of Reference 1) will be provided within four weeks.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the payment of the Issue Fee and is accompanied by a Petition to Withdraw the Application from Issue under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313.

Respectful submitted,

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Enclosures: PTO Form 1449

(1) Reference Transmittal Form

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